Luis Edgardo Cruz Grade 7 Holy Family School Third Place

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a man of justice and so it is right to keep his message known. I believe that I can further the message of Martin Luther King just simply throughout my daily life. For example, I can be an example and influence others to live up to Martin's dream that we will come together as brothers and sisters and accept each other for whom we are. I also know that I can help out at home by being a good role model to my younger sister and teach her to be equal and treat with acceptance. So that when she comes up to another person of a different background she won't judge them upon their skin color but rather on what's on the inside because that's what truly counts.

I know that I can devote time to community service and spend time with children and teach them to be open with others and not to let racisms come in between friendships. So that when they chose the friends they want to hang out with they shouldn't consider the color of their skin. I know that if I am in the playground and is being treated badly I can stand for them, and also if I was ever in a type of game I would make sure to play and treat others equally as well respectfully. And I myself will treat others with respect and dignity no matter how different they are. At home who better to ask for help than God himself. I will pray to God to watch over those who are living with injustice because God doesn't judge us by our background but rather on how well we leading our lives for ourselves as well as for others.

So that's what Martin Luther wanted everyone to realize that it doesn't matter if you're white, black, Puerto Rican, or Asian because through the eyes of God there's no concern over the color of our skin. We are all God's children and the type of love that

God has for each and every one of us is unconditional. So I am proud to say that Martin's message has clearly gotten through to me. Martin Luther King was a terrific man. He sure didn't back down from what he believed was truly justice. I know that if we all continue in an effort to further Martin's message then we will all live in a better world where there's peace and justice.

Thank You Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.